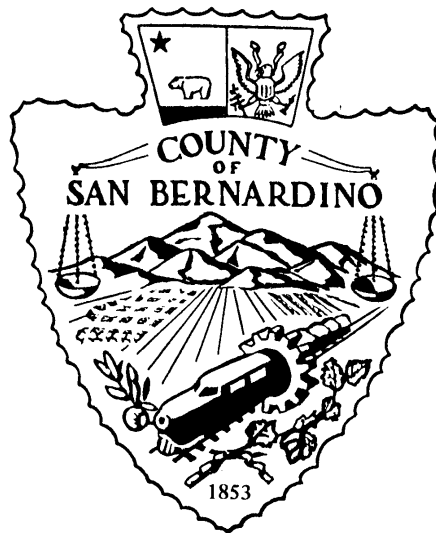


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WELCOME

Each year the County of San Bernardino receives grant funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), the HOME Investment Partnership Act (HOME) programs. For the 2000-01 Program Year, which began on July 1, 2000, the County received \$8,638,000 in CDBG funds, \$282,000 in ESG funds and \$3,817,000 in HOME funds. To program the use of these funds, the County submitted a one-year Action Plan as part of its 2000-01 Consolidated Plan Grant Application to HUD.

This Annual Performance Review (APR) has been prepared to summarize the programs and projects carried out during this past year to meet the various goals and strategies outlined in the 2000-01 Consolidated Plan. It is being published so that citizens will have an easy to read report on what the County accomplished and continues to accomplish using the grant funds.

This APR is presented to the County Board of Supervisors at a public hearing scheduled for September 18, 2001. A Notice of Hearing was published in 15 newspapers throughout the County on or before September 4, 2001 to announce the presentation. The public is invited to review and comment on the APR during a two-week period before the hearing and at the hearing. At the end of September, comments received will be compiled and submitted to HUD along with the combined submittal of detailed CDBG, ESG and HOME Program Consolidated Annual Performance Report (CAPER).

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW FOR THE 2000-2001 ACTION PLAN

INTRODUCTION

The County of San Bernardino has qualified annually since 1975, to receive federal housing and community development grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Grant funds included are for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME) programs. The funds are used to develop viable communities by providing decent housing, suitable living environments and expanded economic opportunities, principally for low-and moderate-income persons. In 1999, the County re-qualified to receive these funds during the 2000, 2001 and 2002 fiscal years. Additionally, the City of Riverside receives Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) grant funds from HUD to fund programs in both Riverside County and San Bernardino County. The City of Riverside is responsible for reporting Annual Program Performance for HOPWA activities in San Bernardino County.

The CDBG, ESG and HOME funds received by the County in 2000-01 were for eligible projects in the unincorporated communities. These funds also were available for the fourteen (14) cities that have been approved by HUD to cooperate in the County's CDBG program. These cities are Adelanto, Barstow, Big Bear Lake, Chino Hills, Colton, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda, Montclair, Needles, Redlands, Twentynine Palms, Yucaipa, and the Town of Yucca Valley. For the purpose of these grant funds, this area is referred to as the County Consortium. The County Department of Economic and Community Development (ECD) has the primary responsibility of administering these grant programs. In addition to the fourteen (14) CDBG-cooperating cities, the HOME program included the cities of Rancho Cucamonga, Rialto, and Victorville.

To receive the fiscal year 2000-01 CDBG, ESG, and HOME grant funds, County ECD prepared a consolidated grant application called the Consolidated Plan. On April 18, 2000, the County of San Bernardino Board of Supervisors approved the revised proposed Consolidated Plan. Upon completion of the public review period and after all comments were received and considered, the final Consolidated Plan was submitted to HUD on June 6, 2000, for funding approval.

The CDBG program offers grant funds for a wide range of projects to meet local community needs. CDBG funds can be used to build community facilities, roads, and parks; to repair or rehabilitate housing; to provide new or increased services to local residents; or to fund initiatives that generate

new jobs. In all instances, the CDBG program is governed by regulations issued by HUD. The County's CDBG program is designed to maximize public benefit while fully complying with CDBG regulations and related laws.

Emergency shelter and related services are provided to homeless persons from locations throughout the County using Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds. The County sub-grants ESG funds to homeless assistance agencies who operate shelters or provide motel vouchers. These services are coordinated through information, counseling, referral and rental assistance activities to provide a continuum of care to reduce the incidence and severity of homelessness. As with the CDBG program, the ESG program is governed by HUD regulations.

HOME funds assist in expanding and preserving the supply of decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing. The County's HOME program provides loans to non-profit agencies, Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO's), for-profit housing developers, rental housing owners, and homeowners for a variety of new construction, rehabilitation, substantial acquisition programs, and home ownership programs. The HOME program is carried out in accordance with HUD-issued regulations. Additionally, HOME funds provide rent subsidies and security deposit assistance to very low-income families.

During the 2000-01 program year, the County of San Bernardino entered numerous contracts to design, construct and rehabilitate public facilities and housing units, to provide public services in local communities and to create new jobs for low- and moderate-income persons. The results of these efforts, implemented by non-profit organizations, cities and County departments, are presented in this Annual Performance Review. Many programs and projects begun in 2000-01 will continue into the future. This APR also will report completed projects funded under prior year plans. In some cases, these completed projects are located in cities that now receive grant funds directly from HUD.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS UNDER THE 2000-01 ACTION PLAN

The 2000-01 Action Plan identified various housing, economic and community development strategies to meet local needs. The County used its 2000-01 and prior year funds from the HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs toward the accomplishments identified after each of the following strategies. The 2000-05 Consolidated Plan strategies are for the County's five-year consolidated plan adopted in April 2000. Several strategies in the initial plan were projected to cover a five-year period. The remaining strategies called for annual accomplishments.

Affordable Housing Assistance

The 2000-01 Consolidated Plan identified priorities for providing assistance to increase affordable housing opportunities for low- and extremely low-income households (households earning 30 to 50 percent or less of the County median income).

Strategy 1: Expand the Supply of Affordable Housing- To provide a larger supply of housing affordable to low- and extremely low-income households.

- **Mortgage Revenue Bond/Multifamily Rental Projects**

Proposed Five-year Goal: To maintain an inventory of at least 1,500 affordable rental units which are made available to low-income families at affordable rents, by refinancing applicable existing projects whenever possible to keep units affordable, and to encourage the development of new multifamily rental units that are affordable to low-income families.

Actual FY 00/01 Accomplishments: No previously affordable units reverted to market rate units in FY 00/01. Financing for four (4) existing multifamily projects with a total of 1,544 units was restructured, with additional taxable bonds being issued to maintain the viability of two of the restructured projects, retaining a total of 316 affordable units in the MRB multi-family rental unit inventory. Bonds were refunded for one (1) project with 376 units, retaining 75 affordable units. One (1) existing project with a total of 108 units was sold and the bonds were paid off, but the existing regulatory agreement remains in force so that the 24 previous bond units will remain affordable through 2006.

Actual Accomplishments During The First Year of the New Five-year Plan Period: A total of 415 affordable units were retained in the inventory of affordable bond units, meeting 27.7 percent of the five-year goal.

Comments: Through its Bond Inducement process, the County will continue to actively encourage developers to utilize MRB funds for acquisition/rehabilitation of existing non-bond properties, as well as new construction of multifamily housing. The County will also continue to refinance existing bond-funded projects as the current affordability requirements near their expiration date in order to retain affordable units in its MRB multifamily rental unit inventory. In some cases, the number of affordable units in refinanced projects may actually increase due to deeper income-targeting requirements than in the past.

- **Mortgage Revenue Bond/Single Family First-Time Homebuyer Mortgage Assistance**

Proposed Five-year Goal: To fund approximately 1,000 low-interest mortgages for low- and moderate-income families.

Actual FY 00/01 Accomplishments: Single Family Home Mortgage Revenue Bond funds totaling \$12,783,044 were used in FY 00/01 to provide first-mortgage financing to 128 low- and moderate-income households.

Actual Accomplishments During First Year of the New Five-year Plan Period: The goal from the previous five-year plan was to fund 500 mortgages, and during that five-year period, bond funds totaling \$61,316,949 were used to provide first mortgage financing to 579 low- and moderate-income households. Since over two-thirds of the five-year total was achieved in FY99/00, the new five-year goal has been set at 1,000 mortgages. Activity in FY00/01 was a third of that experienced in the previous year; 12.8% of the new five-year goal was met.

Comments: At the beginning of FY 00/01, a total of \$25,505,000 in bond funds was available to fund first mortgages with an interest rate of 7.9%. At the time that the bonds were issued, the interest rate was attractive and the funds initially moved very quickly. However, market interest rates soon began falling and continued to drop significantly in 2001, making other mortgage products more attractive to prospective applicants, and deterring them from using the County's program. The origination period ended on April 1, 2001. On June 28, 2001, the County remarketed the outstanding balance of prior year bonds in conjunction with the issuance of new bonds that were authorized for 2001, resulting in a total of \$23,552,790 in bond funds becoming available on July 9, 2001 with an initial interest rate of 6.9%. Provisions in the bond purchase agreement will allow the County to refund the outstanding bonds if necessary to achieve a lower interest rate should market rates continue to drop during FY01/02.

- **Extra Credit Teacher Home Purchase Program (Mortgage Revenue Bond/Single Family First-Time Homebuyer Mortgage Assistance for Teachers in Low-Performing Schools)**

Proposed Five-year Goal: The Extra Credit Teacher Home Purchase Program is a new program that was started after the beginning of FY 00/01 and was, therefore, not included in the five-year plan.

Actual FY 00/01 Accomplishments: During FY 00/01, the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee (CDLAC) released guidelines for a new supplemental MRB-funded First-Time Homebuyer Program designed to provide funding for below-market interest rate first mortgage loans and down payment assistance for qualified teachers and principals who commit to serve in a low-performing school for five years. On December 8, 2000, the County issued \$14,235,000 in tax-exempt bonds to fund first mortgages with an interest rate of 7.25%, and to provide \$7,500 in down payment and closing cost assistance in

conjunction with each first mortgage loan. On January 1, 2001 the County Implemented its local Extra Credit Teacher Home Purchase Program. By June 30, 2001 a total of six (6) ECTHPP loans totaling \$771,442 had closed, using only 5% of the funding that was available for this program in FY00/01.

Comments: A few months prior to issuance of the bonds, the County began its marketing efforts, and there was a favorable response to the proposed program, The County anticipated that the initial 2000 funding would be used quickly, and the County applied for a 2001 ECTHPP allocation from CDLAC. The interest rate was attractive at the time that the ECTHPP bonds were issued, and was competitive with other programs, including the County Single Family Home Mortgage Revenue Bond Program. However, when the County's ECTHPP was implemented, market interest rates were beginning to drop, and in the ensuing months continued to drop significantly while the ECTHPP interest rate remained at 7.25%. This made other mortgage products more attractive to prospective applicants, and has deterred many eligible teachers from using the ECTHPP. Consequently, the County determined it would not issue additional bonds under the 2001 allocation, and has requested that certain changes be made to the CDLAC's guidelines for the ECTHPP, in order to expand the base of potentially eligible applicants and to make the program more competitive with other mortgage programs on the market.

- **California Cities Home Ownership Authority (CCHOA) Lease Purchase Program**

Proposed Five-year Goal: To fund at least 200 low-interest mortgages for low- and moderate-income families.

Actual FY 00/01 Accomplishments: The California Cities Home Ownership Authority (CCHOA) Lease Purchase Program was implemented in the County of San Bernardino in February of 2000. By the time that the loan origination period ended in February 2001 for the first set of bonds issued in 1998, a total of 84 households throughout the County had been assisted.

Actual Accomplishments During First Year of the New Five-year Plan Period: In less than a year's time, a total of 84 households utilized the CCHOA Lease Purchase Program, meeting 42% of the five-year goal. The CCHOA Lease Purchase Program has new funding available from the sale of \$55,000,000 in bonds on June 21, 2001. This new funding became available on July 1, 2001 and will be used by CCHOA to originate mortgage loans over the next two years. The County anticipates that the five-year goal will be met by the end of FY 01/02, and that over the five-year plan period, more than 500 households will have utilized the CCHOA Lease Purchase Program.

Comments: The CCHOA Lease Purchase Program is available to anyone who does not own a home, not just first-time homebuyers. It is also available to households at higher income limits than the County's Single Family Home Mortgage Revenue Bond and Extra Credit Teacher Home Purchase Programs and its HOME Homeownership Assistance Program. The CCHOA Lease Purchase Program also allows households which have experienced credit problems in the past to qualify based on current income and a good one-year rent payment history, and CCHOA provides credit counseling to ensure that the household can qualify to assume the mortgage at the end of the lease-purchase period.

- **Fannie Mae Down Payment Assistance Investment Note (DPAIN) Program**

Proposed Five-year Goal: The Fannie Mae Down Payment Assistance Investment Note (DPAIN) Program is a new program that was started after the beginning of FY 00/01 and was therefore not included in the five-year plan.

Actual FY 00/01 Accomplishments: This program was implemented with funding from a \$500,000 note that was issued on January 25, 2001. These funds are intended to be used to provide funds for down payment and closing costs under a 10-year amortized second mortgage at 6.9% for purchasers of new homes. As of June 30, 2001 there had been no reservations placed against the available funds by the participating developers.

Actual Accomplishments During First Year of the New Five-year Plan Period: This is a pilot program which provides up to 4% of the first mortgage, to be used by the homebuyer toward down payment and closing costs on a new home being offered by a participating developer. Participants do not have to be first-time homebuyers to qualify, but do have to meet low-to-moderate income guidelines. The second mortgage has regular monthly payments and is serviced in conjunction with the first mortgage.

- **HOME/Homeownership Assistance Program (HAP)**

Proposed Five-year Goal: To assist 200 low-income homebuyers with down payments and closing costs.

Proposed FY 00/01 One-year Action Plan: To use \$1,000,000 to assist 55 households.

Actual FY 00/01 Accomplishments: Used \$1,096,200 to assist 46 households.

Actual Accomplishments During the First Year of the New Five-year Plan Period: 23% of the five-year goal was met during the first year. The average amount of assistance was approximately \$23,830 per household.

Comments: : During the previous five-year plan period a total of \$5,294,900 was used to assist 260 households; meeting ninety five percent of the previous five-year goal to serve 275 households. Since average assistance was slightly over \$20,000 per household, and with annual allocations of \$1,000,000 per year, less than 250 loans would be expected to be funded over the new five-year plan period. Anticipating an increase in the average amount of assistance, the new five-year goal was reduced to 200. Some prior year funds were still available at the end of FY 00/01, which should allow the five-year goal to be exceeded if demand for the program continues as expected. Furthermore, additional HOME funds may be reallocated to HAP if demand for the program increases significantly over the next few years.

Strategy 2: Assist in Reducing Housing Costs to Extremely Low- and Low-Income Households - To narrow the gap between housing costs and income through the use of demand-based direct assistance.

- **HOME Tenant-Based Assistance/Monthly Rental Subsidy Program**

Proposed Five-year Goal: To provide ongoing monthly assistance to 100 low-income and extremely low-income households having a disabled family member or other urgent housing need.

Proposed FY 00/01 One-year Action Plan: To use \$400,000 to assist 50 households.

Actual FY 00/01 Accomplishments: Used 539,286 to assist 212 households. 61 participants were already active and eligible to receive ongoing assistance in FY 00/01 and 151 were new participants added during FY 00/01. 49 existing participants were active for the entire year. 12 existing participants, and 44 new participants had become inactive by the end of FY 00/01. A total of 156 participants remained active at the end of FY 00/01 and eligible to receive ongoing assistance in FY 01/02.

Actual Accomplishments During First Year of The Five-year Plan Period: HOME TBA funds assisted 212 households, exceeding the five-year goal to assist 100 households. The County has authorized the Housing Authority to increase the number of active participants to between 200 -250 as funding allows.

Comments: During the previous five-year plan period, which ended on June 30, 2000, the monthly subsidy program was only made available to persons whose names were on the Section 8 Aftercare Waiting List. A steadily increasing supply of available alternate rental assistance vouchers for persons that would otherwise be eligible to be added to the Aftercare Waiting List has allowed many persons to receive Shelter Plus Care rental assistance without being added to the Aftercare list.. A significant number of additional Aftercare and Mainstream vouchers have also become available to the Housing Authority, allowing a number of existing HOME TBA participants to be transitioned to one of those programs. Many existing participants were also transitioned to the Regular Section 8 Program in FY 00/01. The County had planned for updated and expanded selection criteria for the HOME TBA Monthly Subsidy Program to be implemented in FY 00/01 and for a brief period of time, referrals of households with urgent special needs were made by ECD. During FY 01/02, ECD hopes to work with the Housing Authority to develop selection criteria to address urgent high-priority needs that cannot be addressed in a timely manner through other forms of rental assistance available to address special needs.

- **HOME Tenant-Based Assistance/Security Deposit Assistance Program**

Proposed Five-year Goal: To provide security deposits on rental housing and tenant-paid utilities to 1,000 low-income and extremely low-income households.

Proposed FY 00/01 One-year Action Plan: To use \$200,000 to assist 200 households.

Actual FY 00/01 Accomplishments: Used \$561,861 to assist 648 households with rental deposits, however, utility deposit assistance was not provided. Of the households that received security deposit assistance, over 100 were participants in the HOME TBA monthly subsidy program. The remainder included households selected from the Section 8 Waiting List who were offered Welfare-To-Work vouchers, as well as participants in various special rental assistance programs administered by the Housing Authority.

Actual Accomplishments During The First Year of the New Five-year Plan Period:

Although security deposit assistance was only offered for approximately 9 months during FY 00/01, the new five-year goal was exceeded during the first year of administration by the Housing Authority. Based upon the success of this program and its positive impact on tenants, owners and the Housing Authority itself, the Housing Authority is resuming the program in FY 01/02. Available prior year TBA funds will allow up to 900 new Welfare-To-Work voucher holders as well as participants in other rental assistance programs administered by the Housing Authority to secure decent housing during the year. At such time as TBA surplus funds are fully exhausted, ECD will determine whether an adjustment to the annual allocation is needed to meet the demand.

Comments: During the previous five year plan period at total of \$1,140,233 was distributed by the Community Services Department to assist 1259 households with rental deposits and utility deposits. The Security Deposit Assistance Program administered by the Community Services Department (CSD) was discontinued on June 30, 2000 due to the high cost of administering it as a stand-alone program. The Housing Authority's new security deposit assistance program only provides rental security deposit assistance, which is only available to clients in various rent subsidy programs administered by the Housing Authority. There is still a great demand for security deposit assistance by income-eligible persons who are not receiving a monthly rent subsidy or who are not on the Section 8 Waiting List. The County hopes to develop appropriate administrative guidelines and implement a new stand-alone security deposit assistance program in the future that can be made available through various agencies that provide case management services to very-low income households. This would include public and private agencies that would previously have referred qualified applicants to CSD for security deposit assistance. Future implementation of a replacement stand-alone security deposit program would once again allow the County to realize its goal of providing security deposit assistance for persons able to pay full rent, but who lack the up-front resources to pay the required security deposits and utility deposits necessary to secure decent, safe and sanitary rental housing appropriate for family size.

Strategy 3: Preserve the Existing Housing Stock and Affordable Units - To maintain the quality of the existing housing inventory.

- **HOME Rental Property Program (Rental Rehabilitation & CHDO)**

Proposed Five-year Goal: To provide low interest rate loans to property owners for rehabilitation of multi-family and/or single family rental units to be rented to income-eligible tenants at affordable rents. To encourage all certified Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) to direct their activities toward extremely low- and low-income special needs households by providing affordable housing for homeless families, large families and appropriate elderly and disabled households.

Proposed FY 00/01 One-Year Action Plan: To use at least 1,535,300 of HOME Program funds to construct, acquire, and/or rehabilitate CHDO-owned affordable rental housing projects.

Actual Accomplishments During The First Year of the New Five-year Plan Period (and since inception): Three programs were issued to the Housing Partners I CHDO during the 2000-01 program year. The first loan, in the amount of \$175,000 was used to assist in the construction of 24 units of affordable housing in Baker. The second loan, in the amount of \$1,000,000 is being used to assist in the construction of 68 units of affordable senior citizen housing in Fontana. The third loan, in the amount of \$761,651 is being used to assist in the construction of 45 units of affordable housing in Yucaipa. Thirteen CHDOs have been certified since the HOME Program was first implemented in this County. Nine existing CHDOs are currently recertified, and zero CHDO recertifications are pending.

Comments: Demand for rental rehab funding by private owners continues to fluctuate, therefore as the need arises to increase support to CHDO rental projects, the unused allocation of rental rehabilitation funds are reallocated for use by CHDOs. This continues to result in assistance to CHDO projects in excess of the required 15 percent set-aside of the HOME grant to be made available only to CHDOs, and has generated increased interest among private and non-profit affordable housing developers to become CHDOs. CHDO funds are used to finance new construction, acquisition, and/or rehabilitation of rental properties. Based on the amount of HOME CHDO and Rental Property Acquisition and/or Rehabilitation Program funds used in the County, the five-year goals for providing affordable rental housing should be met.

- **HOME Rental Property Rehabilitation/Refinance Program**

Proposed Five-year Goal: This program was developed in response to expressed demand from the local development community, and pursuant to the HOME Program Regulations, and the guidelines specified in Section III, 1999-2000 ACTION PLAN, therefore no prior five-year goal had been set.

Proposed FY 00/01 One-year Action Plan: HOME funds in the amount of \$300,000 were budgeted for FY 00/00 to provide refinancing assistance to owners of affordable rental housing projects where the primary affordable housing activity to be funded would be rehabilitation of approximately 15 rental units.

Actual FY 00/01 Accomplishments: No loans were issued in 2000-01. One application was received. It has been reviewed and we anticipate funding the loan in October, 2001.

Comments: The County has managed a highly successful HOME Rental Property Acquisition and/or Rehabilitation Program since receiving its initial HOME Program Grant. The Final HOME Program Rule allows the HOME Program Grant recipient discretion in using HOME Program funds to refinance existing debt, so long as the primary affordable housing activity to be funded is rehabilitation. The County determined that the use of HOME Program funds to refinance affordable, multi-family housing rehabilitation is vital to the continued availability of affordable housing, particularly with the resurgence in the area economy, and responded to expressed demand for this type of assistance by designing a new HOME-funded program to fill that need. This program has the potential to create additional affordable housing opportunities while maintaining the existing affordable

housing stock; however, to date, no applications for this type of HOME assistance have been submitted for consideration.

- **CDBG Single-Family Homeowner Rehabilitation Program**

Proposed Five-year Goal: To provide CDBG funded low-interest rate loans to 200 low- and moderate-income homeowners for the purpose of bringing their residences up to minimum housing standards.

Proposed FY 00/01 One-year Action Plan: To use \$961,480 to assist 75 low- and moderate-income households.

Actual FY 00/01 Accomplishments: Used \$152,314 to assist 11 low- and moderate-income households.

Actual Accomplishments During the First Year of the New Five-year Plan: Five and a half percent of the five-year goal was met. **Comments:** Activity dropped considerably this year due to the implementation of HUD guidelines regarding lead based paint. The process of obtaining a risk Assessment or Lead Survey has added considerable time to the loan packaging process. The availability of lead certified contractors is limited. Some applicants were not interested in proceeding with the Risk Assessment process and declined assistance.

Special Needs Housing Assistance

The 2000-2001 Consolidated Plan identified priorities for allocating assistance to accommodate the housing needs of lower income special needs groups, including the elderly, large households and disabled persons.

Strategy 1: Facilitate Development/Rehabilitation for Special Needs Housing - To increase the supply and improve the quality of housing for persons who have limited or fixed incomes, and consequently are severely affected by rising housing costs.

- **CDBG Senior Repair Program**

Proposed Five-year Goal: To provide CDBG funds to 1,650 extremely low-, low- and moderate-income senior citizens and disabled persons for the purpose of providing a one-time grant to repair owner-occupied homes.

Proposed FY 00/01 One-year Action Plan: To use \$861,480 to assist 333 extremely low-, low- and moderate-income senior and/or disabled households.

Actual FY 00/00 Accomplishments: Used \$677,445 to assist 330 households. The average grant was \$2,100 per household.

Actual Accomplishments During the First Year of the New Five-year Plan Period: The new five-year goal represents an increase of 10% over the previous five-year goal. Twenty percent of the new five-year goal was met.

Comments: Maximum facilities management staffing was achieved in the latter part of the

previous fiscal year,, allowing a proportionate share of the new five-year goal to be met

- **Priority in Multi-Family Rehabilitation for Barrier-Free Housing**

Proposed Five-year Goal: To give first priority to applications for low-interest rehabilitation loans involving projects containing 10% or more units which are designed to be accessible to the disabled.

Proposed FY 00/01 One-year Action Plan: This is a policy, not a program. Therefore the Action Plan contained no stated funding amounts nor proposed accomplishments.

Actual FY 00/01 Accomplishments: No proposals for multi-family rehabilitation projects with 10% or more handicapped accessible units were received.

Actual Accomplishments During the First Year of the New Five-year Plan Period: No proposals for multi-family rehabilitation projects with 10% or more handicapped accessible units were received in the past five years. However, affordable multifamily CHDO projects primarily to serve the senior population continue to be proposed and funded with HOME monies. These projects have included both new construction, and existing developments, which contain numerous handicapped accessibility features.

Comments: Handicapped accessible units and features continue to be provided in many of the HOME-assisted rental projects undertaken in this County, however, no proposed projects have specifically designated 10% or more of the units for handicapped tenants.

Strategy 2: Affirmatively Further Fair Housing to Ensure Equal Access to Housing for Special Needs Groups

- **Fair Housing Program**

Proposed Five-year Goal: The Strategic Plan included a listing of various fair housing services to be provided, but did not quantify the number of persons to be served by each activity or in total.

Proposed FY 00/01 One-year Action Plan: A total of \$135,000 of CDBG funds was allocated for activities that affirmatively further fair housing. The components of this allocation in the FY 00/01 One-year Action Plan were as follows:

- \$87,000 was allocated to provide fair housing compliance activities, including discrimination investigation, education, and promotional material to 3,500 residents throughout the County Consortium.
- \$48,000 was allocated to provide tenant/landlord mediation dispute services to 2000 people (residents and property managers) throughout the County Consortium.

Actual FY 00/01 Accomplishments: A total of \$82,763 was spent under contracts with the Inland Fair Housing and Mediation Board, Inc., (IFHMB) to affirmatively further fair housing and to mediate disputes between landlords and their tenants, throughout the County Consortium. A variety of activities were performed as noted below, including activities from each of the two general fair housing categories listed above.

- Disseminated 10,787 fair housing brochures/flyers to the public and private agencies and community groups.
- Provided educational presentations, and outreach activities, as well as information and referral services, to low- and moderate-income households in San Bernardino County.
- Fair Housing Workshops were presented to 296 attendees from the housing industry, government, and community groups
- Comprehensive fair housing training, education, counseling, advertising, and marketing services were also provided to ensure the right of all people to choose freely where they want and can afford to live
- Landlord/tenant counseling and mediation services and education on fair housing laws were provided to resolve questions and avoid disputes over evictions, deposit returns, substandard conditions and other renter/rental matters.
- Implemented the goals and actions to overcome the effects of identified impediments to fair housing choice

A total of 105 households were reported to have benefited from fair housing compliance activities, another 296 households were reported to have benefited from fair housing workshops conducted with property management groups, and a total of 2,592 persons were reported to have benefited from landlord/tenant mediation activities.

- **Homelessness Prevention and Assistance**

The 2000-2001 Consolidated Plan identified priorities for allocating assistance to address the needs of homeless individuals and families in the County. Top priority was given to development of a Continuum of Care System to alleviate homelessness through a community-based process that provides a comprehensive response to the different needs of homeless individuals and families.

Strategy 1: Implement a Continuum of Care System - To offer a comprehensive response to the various needs of homeless individuals and families through: 1) outreach and assessment of needs, 2) provision of safe shelter, 3) provision of transitional housing and supportive services, and 4) permanent housing.

- **Homeless Shelter Services**

Proposed FY 00/01 One-year Action Plan: Use \$282,000 in Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds to provide 20,850 cold-weather shelter-nights of emergency shelter services to homeless individuals and families during the 2000-2001 program year within the County Consortium. Using \$40,951 in CDBG funds, provide shelter and related services to approximately 250 persons.

Actual FY 00/01 Accomplishments: \$274,802 of ESG funds were spent under contracts with eight (8) non-profit agencies to provide 19,000 cold-weather shelter nights. The agencies receiving ESG funds include: Catholic Charities, Desert Manna Ministries, Family Services Association, Frazee Community Center, High Desert Homeless Services, Homeless Outreach Programs and Education, Option House and Salvation Army. Approximately \$38,100 of CDBG funds were used by eight (8) non-profit agencies to provide shelter and related services to the homeless. Over 2,500 homeless persons were assisted. The agencies receiving these CDBG funds include: Eternal Light Ministries in Big Bear Lake, Family Services Association in Redlands, Inland Temporary Homes in Loma Linda, Home of Neighborly Services in San Bernardino, and High Desert Homeless Services in Victorville.

- **Homelessness Prevention**

Proposed FY 00/01 One-year Action Plan: Provide \$44,000 in ESG funds for homelessness prevention services to families at risk of becoming homeless.

Actual FY 00/01 Accomplishments: Family Service Association of Redlands and Catholic Charities of San Bernardino received ESG funds to provide rental assistance to families. ESG funds totaling \$44,000 were used to provide rental assistance to families. The number of families was not reported by Family Services, instead rental assistance was reported in shelter night equivalents per person in each family for each night of assistance provided to the family. A total of 292 shelter nights were reported.

- **Domestic Violence Shelter Service**

Proposed FY 00-01 One-year Action Plan: Provide shelter, transitional housing and related services to victims of domestic violence.

Actual FY 00-01 Accomplishments: More than \$79,500 of CDBG funds were spent under contract with seven (7) non-profit agencies to provide shelter and related services to over 2,336 women and their children. The agencies involved include: DOVES in Big Bear Valley, Haley House in Barstow, High Desert Domestic Violence in Victorville, House of Ruth in Pomona, Morongo Basin Unity Home in Joshua Tree, Option House in San Bernardino, High Desert Domestic Violence and Victor Valley Domestic Violence Services (A Better Way Shelter) in Victorville.

Neighborhood Initiative Program

Proposed -Five-year Goal: To acquire and rehabilitate approximately 950 vacant and distressed single-family properties consisting of repossessed homes obtained from HUD.

Actual FY 00/01 Accomplishments: 228 homes were purchased, rehabilitated, and resold to low-and moderate-income families under the Neighborhood Initiative Program.

Actual Accomplishments During the First Year of the New Five-year Plan Period:

With the passage of H.R. 2158 the County of San Bernardino was awarded a \$15,000,000 Neighborhood Initiative grant to *"improve the conditions of distressed and blighted neighborhoods or areas"*. Since then the Department of Economic and Community Development has been working diligently with the three cities involved (Highland, Redlands and San Bernardino) on the development and implementation of this national pilot program. The County has forged partnerships with private and public, non-profit and for profit entities in order to ensure all available resources are maximized to the fullest extent possible in improving the conditions of blighted neighborhoods.

A major component of the Neighborhood Initiative Program is the purchase of FHA owned properties. The County of San Bernardino was the first in the nation to enter into an agreement with FHA utilizing FHA's disposition guidelines as spelled by Congress under H.R. 4194, which established the concept of a "preferred purchaser" buying all of FHA owned properties in a specific area known as an Asset Control Area. This agreement was entered into on December 7, 1999. These Asset Control Areas have a high concentration of FHA owned properties. These vacant, dilapidated properties have had a strong negative impact on these areas. By rehabilitating and selling these properties to owner-occupants, a major, if not the biggest, cause of blight in that specific area is eliminated.

The County of San Bernardino started taking title to FHA owned properties on March 4, 2000. As of June 31, 2001, there were 511 FHA owned properties in the County's Asset Control Areas, of which the County held title to 454. By December 2001, the County will have acquired title to the

remaining 57 properties. By June 30, 2001, the County had purchased from FHA, rehabilitated and sold, 228 properties. An additional 28 properties were in escrow, with an additional 14 properties for sale on the open market. Additionally, the City of San Bernardino purchased 87 properties from the County as part of their Acquisition, Rehabilitation, and Resale program. Three (3) properties were donated to Neighborhood Housing Services.

Economic Development Initiative Grants

The County of San Bernardino received 3 Economic Development Initiative Grants totaling \$526,838. The grants were for Route 66 roadway signage, a baseball/softball public park complex at Spring Valley Lake, and the Hall of Paleontology at the County Museum. The County of San Bernardino previously received 6 Economic Development Initiative Grants totaling \$1,855,625; the County of San Bernardino sends reports back to Washington D.C. every six months as to the status of each grant. They are the 1) County's Shack Attack program, 2) Running Springs Revitalization, 3) Park for Running Springs Area, 4) Rehabilitation of pool at Fogelsong Park, 5) Walking and Biking Trails along the Mojave River, 6) Soccer Fields in Yucaipa.

Non-Housing Community Development

The 2000-01 Consolidated Plan identified priorities for allocating assistance to improvement of community facilities, infrastructure, public services, accessibility for handicapped persons, historic properties, economic development programs, and code enforcement activities in the County Consortium area.

During the next one (1) to five (5) years, the county hopes to accomplish the following activities to benefit residents of cooperating cities and unincorporated county areas. Some of these are ongoing projects which were initiated during the prior five-year Consolidated Plan.

Strategy 1: Public Facilities - Improve the health and welfare of target neighborhoods and augment the availability of needed local services to low- and moderate-income persons. Accomplish this through provisions for quality public facilities, which are responsive to the unique character and differing needs of individual neighborhoods and the social service requirements of the low- and moderate-income residents therein.

- **Senior Center Improvements**

Proposed FY 00/01 One-year Action Plan: Construct senior citizen center facility rehabilitation projects including building exterior reconstruction and re-roofing improvements.

Actual FY 00-01 Accomplishments: Over \$345,391 of CDBG funds were used to construct or improve fourteen (14) senior citizen centers. Projects completed during the year include construction of an addition to the Grand Terrace Senior Center, reconstruction of the roof and installation of carpeting and irrigation improvements at the Scherer Senior Center in Yucaipa. Roof replacement was completed at the Red Mountain Senior Center.

Installation of one storage container at the Hinkley Senior Center, reconstruction of the Newberry Springs Senior Center roof, and the Lucerne Valley Senior Center back-up well were completed. A 25,000 square foot parking lot at the Highland Center was repaired, resurfaced and striped. Projects that were in the design phase were the Rialto Senior Center, the Loma Linda Senior Center and the Grand Terrace Senior Center landscaping project. Additionally, rehabilitation improvements were being designed for the Wrightwood Senior Center. Re-roofing improvements to the Morongo Basin Adult Health Services facility were under design. Electrical upgrades of the Adelanto Senior Center were completed, however, CDBG funds will be reprogrammed from this project to other community projects in the City of Adelanto due to a lack of labor standards enforcement documentation for this project.

- **Community Center Improvements**

Proposed FY 00/01 One-year Action Plan: Construct neighborhood facility projects including picnic shelters, installation of emergency generators, air conditioning installation, building additions, installation of replacement doors, and ADA compliant restroom improvements.

Actual FY 00-01 Accomplishments: Nearly \$306,870 of CDBG funds were spent on improvements at twenty (20) neighborhood centers. Work completed includes: rehabilitation of three rooms, including replacement of doors and windows at the Pete Luque Center in Colton, re-roof of the Barstow Community Center, reconstruction of Redlands YWCA facility, including flooring, A/C system and re-roofing, reconstruction of the Paradise Park Neighborhood Center Parking Lot in the Town of Yucca Valley, construction of parking lot improvements at the Landers Association Community Center facility, rehabilitation of the Wonder Valley Senior Community Center including roof replacement, interior and exterior painting, installation of carpet and storage container and the installation of a new gym floor in the Yermo Community Center.

Additionally, the following projects were under construction and awaiting payment of final costs. Commercial kitchen improvements and replacement of flooring at the Y-Alliance Community facility in Redlands, re-roofing of the Daggett Community Center, installation of two modular buildings for the PAL Center in Muscoy, installation of new air conditioning units at the Joshua Tree Community Center, installation of an emergency electrical generator and construction of a concrete slab and shelter structure at the Copper Mountain Mesa Community Center, construction of parking and meeting hall improvements to the Johnson Valley Improvement Association facility, construction of perimeter sidewalks and installation of six metal doors and frames at the Yucca Mesa Community Center, and construction of flooring, restrooms, hallway, plumbing and door replacement improvements at the Redlands Community Center.

The scope of work was under development for the Highland Library Rehabilitation project, Hi-Desert Nature Museum Expansion project in the Town of Yucca Valley, and the Adelanto Community Center Addition project.

- **Child Care Center Improvements**

Proposed FY 00-01 One-year Action Plan: Construct child care facility projects including building rehabilitation and classroom expansion improvements.

Actual FY 00-01 Accomplishments: Approximately \$53,238 of CDBG funds were spent for completing the construction of wiring upgrades and security lighting to the community park preschool facility in Joshua Tree, and the rehabilitation of three modular units including ADA restroom improvements, new carpeting, flooring, cabinets and patio improvements at the Teddy Bear Tymes Child Care facility in the City of San Bernardino. The project for the remodeling and conversion of restrooms for children and adult handicapped accessibility at the Rainbow Kids after-school child care facility in the City of Big Bear Lake was under construction.

The scope of work for the child care modular unit project at Reche Canyon Elementary School, for the Wilson Elementary School Child Care modular unit, both in Colton, for the YMCA modular child care classroom project in Highland, and The Book of Acts Child Care Center rehabilitation project also in Highland, and for Sewer Line improvements for the Sarah's House Child Care facility in the City of San Bernardino, were under review.

- **Youth Center Improvements**

Proposed FY 00/01 One-year Action Plan: Construct youth center projects including restroom rehabilitation improvements.

Actual FY 00-01 Accomplishments: Kitchen improvements to the Boys & Girls Club facility in the Town of Yucca Valley were being designed. Phase I installation of a new swimming pool motor and construction of a computer classroom were completed at the Boys and Girls Club of San Bernardino facility. Phase II improvements, including a new gym floor, are anticipated for completion in Fiscal Year 2001-02. The scope of work of the Yucca Valley Boys and Girls Club facility lighting and restroom improvements projects were under review.

- **Park and Recreation Facility Improvements**

Proposed FY 00/01 One-year Action Plan: Construct park and recreation projects including installation of playground equipment, ADA compliant surfacing, and sprinkler systems; rehabilitation of restroom and kitchen facilities; resurfacing of play fields; rehabilitation of swimming pools; construction of snack bars, parking lots, picnic shelters, restrooms, youth sports facilities and playgrounds; and, installation of backstops, fencing, dugouts and bleachers.

Actual FY 00-01 Accomplishments: CDBG funds totaling \$144,379 were spent to complete six (6) park and recreation facility improvement projects. The following projects were completed during fiscal year 2000-01: Replacement of the septic tank at the Morongo

Valley Community Center at Covington Park, irrigation improvements installed by volunteers at two community parks in Yermo, construction of a 24,000 square foot parking lot at the Joshua Tree Community Center, installation of playground equipment at Sunburst Park in Joshua Tree and at Sugar Loaf Park in Big Bear Valley, and installation of irrigation improvements at Veteran's Park in Colton.

Additionally, the following projects were under construction: Ballfield improvements at Essex Park in Montclair, Texonia Park ballfield improvements in Redlands, multi-purpose athletic court, lighting and parking lot improvements at Seventh Street Park in Yucaipa, perimeter fencing installation at Paradise Park in the Town of Yucca Valley, soccer field improvements at Youths Sports Park in the Town of Yucca Valley, improvements to Coyote BMX Skate Park in the Town of Yucca Valley, restroom facility improvements at the Yermo Sports Park, construction by volunteers of the Homestead Valley ballfield, baseball field improvements to the Newberry Springs Park, and construction of a picnic shelter, snack bar and playground at Luckie Park in Twentynine Palms.

Construction bid packages were prepared for the Jasper Park Play Equipment project in Lenwood-Grandview, and for the Blake Little League Ballfield improvements project in Muscoy. The scope of work was under review for the development of a target area park in Adelanto, for field lighting upgrade at Richardson Park, also in Adelanto, improvements to the Seventh Street Park swimming pool lighting project in Yucaipa, East Baseline Little League Ballfield rehabilitation project in Highland, and improvements to the Sunnyslope Park Multi-Purpose Athletic Field in the Town of Yucca Valley.

- **Fire Station Improvements**

Proposed FY 00/01 One-year Action Plan: Construct fire station rehabilitation projects and fire station addition projects, and purchase fire fighting equipment.

Actual 00-01 Accomplishments: CDBG funds totaling nearly \$327,920 were used to reimburse costs that were incurred to improve four (4) fire station facilities. Emergency defibrillators were purchased for the Hinkley and Harvard Fire Stations, a KME Type-1 Fire Engine was purchased for use at the Joshua Tree Fire Station, and an emergency ventilator was purchased for use at the Big River Fire Station. In addition, an expansion of the Lucerne Valley fire station was under construction, a defibrillator and fire fighting helmets were being purchased for the Newberry Springs Fire Station.

The following fire station improvements projects were under design: seismic retrofit improvements to Fire Station 21 in Redlands, water system improvements to the EARP Fire Station, and the Harvard Station fuel tank installation project. Additionally, the scope of work for the Big River Fire Station apparatus bay project was under review.

- **Social Care Facility Improvements**

Proposed FY 00/01 One-year Action Plan: Construct kitchen improvements to facilities

that provide services to severely disabled adults, transitional housing facilities for homeless women, and domestic-violence-shelter rehabilitation improvements.

Actual FY 00-01 Accomplishments: Over \$272,392 in CDBG funds were used for completing seven (7) facility improvement projects. These projects are the carport and parking improvements to the Hi-Desert Homeless Shelter facility in Victorville, the addition to the Unity Home Domestic Violence Shelter in Joshua Tree, acquisition of a facility for the DASH Adult Day Care facility in Redlands, construction of sidewalks for the Family Health Center in the City of Big Bear Lake, rehabilitation of restrooms and flooring in the Option House Domestic Violence Shelter facility in San Bernardino, installation of playground equipment at the Salvation Army intake facility in San Bernardino, and re-roofing and electrical upgrade of the Operation Grace Homeless Shelter in San Bernardino.

Additionally, the following projects were under construction. Fencing and security improvements to the Victor Valley Domestic Violence Shelter in Victorville, construction of playground improvements at the Salvation Army Social Services facility in Redlands, playground improvements project at the Inland Temporary Homes Homeless Shelter in Loma Linda, re-roofing of the Al-Shifa Health Care Clinic in Muscoy, and sewer and water upgrade for the Project Home Again Social Care facility in Redlands.

The design or the scope of work were developed for the following projects: Desert Sanctuary Domestic Violence Shelter roof replacement in Barstow, kitchen improvements to the OPARC facility for disabled persons in Montclair, installation of communication and telephone equipment improvements to the Al-Shifa Health Care Clinic in Muscoy, and for reconstruction of sidewalk and patio area improvements at the Center for Individual Development in San Bernardino, the USARC service facility construction project, and the Operation Breakthrough transitional housing facility in the City of Big Bear Lake.

- **Public Health and Safety Improvements**

Proposed FY 00-01 One-year Action Plan: Reconstruct a swimming pool at the Barstow-Daggett Airport; and, install fire sprinklers at a child care facility in Redlands.

Actual FY 00-01 Accomplishments: CDBG funds in the amount of \$16,166 were spent in addition to previous year expenditures to complete the construction of health and safety improvements to the swimming pool at the Barstow-Daggett Airport. Additionally, progress was made toward the removal of underground fuel tanks at the Mountain View Fire Station near Victorville.

Strategy 2: Infrastructure Improvements - Improve the safety and livability of target neighborhoods and provide economic development growth incentives by upgrading, replacing or developing necessary infrastructure systems in response to the priority needs of individual communities and the requirements of economic development programs.

- **Drainage Improvements**

Proposed FY 00-01 One-year Action Plan: Construct storm drain improvement projects. Actual FY 00-01 Accomplishments: CDBG funds totaling over \$172,162 were used to complete construction of storm drains and cross gutters at Lilac Avenue in Rialto and a storm drain project in Highland to carry excess storm water from a low-to-moderate income neighborhood to Warm Creek. Construction was underway on drainage improvements along the east side of Maple Avenue at the Southern Pacific Railroad right-of-way in Rialto. Design was underway for storm drain street improvements along Deseret Avenue and Hutchinson Street in Barstow. Further, the scope of work for storm drain improvements in the City of Yucaipa was under review.

- **Street Improvements**

Proposed FY 00/01 One-year Action Plan: Construct new streets and reconstruct roads; construct trash enclosures; install street name signs, and pave dirt roads.

Actual FY 00-01 Accomplishments: Over \$352,011 of CDBG funds were spent on five (5) street improvement projects. Completed projects resulted in improvements to more than fifteen (15) streets. In the City of Barstow, 800 square feet of Victor Street was paved. In the City of Highland, over 10,800 square feet of target area roadway was replaced and an additional 4,000 square yards of roadway was replaced, effecting 6th Street, Los Feliz Street, 11th Street and Rosemary Street. Up to 35,495 square feet of road stabilization material was purchased and installed at various wash locations in the community of Wonder Valley. In the Town of Apple Valley, construction was completed for improvements to nineteen (19) separate streets, including paving, curb and gutters. In the City of Needles, 735 linear feet of new 6" curbing and 18" gutters were under construction along with sidewalks and handicapped access ramps. Progress was made toward construction of curbs, gutters, landscaping, irrigation, trash enclosures, and security fencing for Phase I of the San Antonio Gateway Neighborhood Revitalization project in the City of Montclair. Construction began on curb, gutter, sidewalk, and intersection improvements on Sun and Union Avenues, from Texas to Post Streets in the City of Redlands. Construction was underway on replacement of damaged curbs, gutters, sidewalks and drive approaches at fifteen (15) locations in the City of Rialto. Installation of 172 street name signs began in the Town of Yucca Valley.

Additionally, project design work was completed for street improvements in the community of Daggett, for Poplar Street in the City of Loma Linda, and for construction of bus stop shelters in Twentynine Palms and the Town of Yucca Valley. Scope of work development proceeded on alley and street improvement projects in the City of Colton.

- **Sidewalk Improvements/Neighborhood Revitalization**

Proposed FY 00/01 One-year Action Plan: Construct curb, gutter and sidewalk projects including construction of missing segments.

Actual FY 00-01 Accomplishments: CDBG funds totaling \$309,937 were used to reimburse costs on four (4) completed projects and on three (3) projects under construction. In Barstow, the Mountain View Street sidewalk improvement project was completed and 9,800 feet of infill sidewalks on the north side of Main Street were constructed. A historic theme mural was commissioned and painted on a building in Twentynine Palms. In the South Montclair area, street and sidewalk improvements were constructed along 9th Street and Chico, Roswell, Kadota, Grand, and Pipeline Avenues.

Projects under construction included alleyway improvements, trash enclosure construction and beautification improvements in the City of Montclair, park bench installation along sidewalks in Crestline, and sidewalk replacement improvement construction at nineteen

(19) locations in the City of Redlands. Design of streetscape improvements was underway for the Gateway Revitalization Area in the Town of Yucca Valley. Scope of work review was conducted for sidewalk improvement projects in the City of Colton and for roadway median improvements along State Route 62 in the Town of Yucca Valley.

Strategy 3: Public Services - Develop a diverse network of needed services directed toward enhancing the health, safety and overall well-being of low- and moderate-income persons and persons with special needs, through provisions for creating, improving and expanding quality public and private human service programs.

- **Senior Citizen Services**

Proposed FY 00/01 One-year Action Plan: Provide “Meals on Wheels” nutrition services, senior social services, in-home assistance to senior citizens, home repair services for senior citizens, grocery shopping assistance, health and therapy services, congregate and home-delivered meal services, life enrichment education, senior visitation and referral services, transportation services for senior citizens, and computer education services for senior citizens.

Actual FY 00-01 Accomplishments: Nearly \$187,500 of CDBG funds were spent to assist thirteen (13) agencies providing services to seniors. These agencies reported assisting more than 8,180 seniors during the year. The agencies assisted include: Elder Protection Services (‘Shoppin’ 4 Seniors’), Morongo Basin Adult Health Services (MBAHS), City of Needles, Highland District Council on Aging, Oldtimers Foundation, and the City of Chino. The Department of Adult and Aging Services provided nutrition and outreach through senior centers in Big River, Hinkley, Victor Valley, Montclair, Colton, Yucaipa, Loma Linda and Joshua Tree. Senior outreach nutrition services were provided in Wrightwood, Phelan, Pinon Hills, and El Mirage by the Special Districts Department and in Crestline by the Regional Parks Department. In Highland and in the First, Third and Fifth Supervisorial Districts, lifeline units were purchased and utilized by Rolling Start in Highland. Senior meals and transportation services were provided by the Searles Community Services Council. Frail, elderly, and disabled person received in-home services from Reach Out 29. Care services for seniors with Alzheimer’s Disease were provided by Developing Aging Solutions with Heart (DASH) in Redlands.

- **Disabled Persons Services**

Proposed FY 00/01 One-year Action Plan: Provide transportation services for students with disabilities to receive vocational training, interpreter assistance for deaf persons, therapeutic horseback riding services, off road wheelchair recreation services.

Actual FY 99/00 Accomplishments: Over \$19,800 of CDBG funds were expended to provide services to 339 severely disabled adults and children. Recreational horseback riding was provided by Lady “B” Ranch in Apple Valley, and transportation for vocational training was provided by Anderson School in San Bernardino. Persons with disabilities received snow skiing instruction and activities from U.S. Adaptive Recreation Center

(USARC) skiers in Big Bear Valley, and transportation services in the Morongo Basin were provided to disabled veterans.

- **Children/Youth Services**

Proposed FY 00/01 One-year Action Plan: Provide youth gang intervention services; guidance and character building services; recreation, counseling and motivational services; Summer swimming and after school activities; music education activities; self-esteem and youth leadership education; outdoor camping experiences; self-reliance education programs; youth mentoring skill training and character development services; anti-gang outreach and education services; and, cultural and historical education services.

Actual FY 00-01 Accomplishments: Just over \$313,000 of CDBG funds were spent to provide thirty-three (33) service programs to over 56,288 low- and moderate-income youth and their families. The agencies that provided these youth services include:

- Redwood Elementary School, West Fontana
- Boy Scouts Old Baldy Council
- Bloomington Parks and Recreation
- Redlands Boys and Girls Club
- Redlands Recreation Department
- High Desert Youth Center
- Barstow Police Association
- Positive Force Drill Team, Barstow
- Kids Club, Joshua Tree
- Children's Fund
- Los Padrinos
- Adopt-A-Bike/Computer
- Twentynine Palms "Choices" Program
- San Bernardino Child Advocacy
- Victor Valley Museum
- YMCA of San Bernardino Valley – Phelan Branch
- Boys and Girls Club of San Bernardino
- Boys and Girls Club of Crestline
- San Andreas Council – Campfire
- Arrowhead Regional Medical Center
- Redlands Community Musci Association
- Inland Empire Symphony
- Boys and Girls Club of the High Desert
- The Book of Act
- East Baseline Little League, Highland
- Cypress and Warm Springs Elementary Schools, Highland
- Y-Alliance, Redlands
- Barstow Boys and Girls Club
- Colton Fire Department – Explorers
- Boys and Girls Club of Fontana
- City of Montclair

- City of Chino

Additionally, over \$68,600 were spent to provide three (3) child care programs serving 67 children from low- and moderate-income families. The agencies that provided these child care services are: Soroptimists International of Big Bear Valley, Somos Hermanas Unidas in Redlands, Teddy Bear Tymes in Bloomington, and Joshua Tree Recreation and Park District.

- **Social Services**

Proposed FY 00/01 One-year Action Plan: Provide legal immigration counseling and assistance services; legal aid services to low income and elderly persons; transportation services for expectant mothers to medical health and well baby services; substance abuse counseling and treatment services; substance abuse prevention education services; domestic violence shelter services; supportive services for tenants in HOME Program funded housing; employment information, education and vocational services; tenant/landlord mediation and counseling services; child care services including tuition assistance; after-school child care services; employment training child care services; homelessness prevention case management assistance; mental health counseling services, social service information and referral services; meal programs for homeless persons; hospice services; health clinic services, emergency food and clothing services; family emergency/disaster recovery services; tattoo removal services; advocacy services to abused and neglected children; emergency counseling and assistance services; Alzheimer's Disease support and education services; library services; and, fair housing counseling and referral services.

Actual FY 00-01 Accomplishments: More than \$136,699 CDBG funds were used by fifteen (15) social service, outreach, and counseling programs to assist almost 7,970 low- and moderate-income persons. Agencies that provided **health and welfare** services include: Family Service Association of San Bernardino/Crest Forest Community Services Council, Morongo Basin Red Cross, Al-Shifa in Muscoy, Mojave Valley Volunteer Hospice, Barstow Pregnancy Center, Oasis Counseling in Barstow, and High Desert Red Cross in the Victor Valley.

Agencies assisting with **substance abuse** include Operation Breakthrough in Big Bear. **Other social care service** providers funded under this category include: Operation Grace in San Bernardino, Mojave Deaf Services in the Victor Valley, Bear Valley Fire Chaplains, PAL Center in Muscoy, and United Way of the East Valley in Redlands,

Agencies assisting with providing **homelessness** services include: Eternal Light Ministries in the City of Big Bear Lake, Inland Temporary Homes in Loma Linda, Family Services Association of Redlands, Hi-Desert Homeless Shelter in Victorville, and Home of Neighborly Service in San Bernardino. Additional information on homeless shelter services and domestic violence shelter services is contained previously in this document under the Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Section.

- **Crime Awareness and Prevention Services**

Proposed FY 00/01 One-year Action Plan: Provide vehicles for citizen-patrol community-safety services, sexual assault crisis intervention and counseling, teen violence prevention services, community clean-up and juvenile diversion services.

Actual FY 00-01 Accomplishments: Approximately \$36,000 of CDBG funds were used to provide for crisis intervention and counseling, and substance abuse prevention education. San Bernardino Sexual Assault Services provided crisis counseling and support services in the Cities of Redlands and Yucaipa. San Bernardino Communities Against Drugs provided youth leadership education services for substance abuse prevention in the Third and Fifth Supervisorial Districts.

Additionally, a citizen patrol vehicle was purchased for use in Lucerne Valley. The Barstow Youth Accountability Board provided guidance and community service to 210 youths. WestCare provided substance abuse prevention counseling to 72 youths and their families in the Needles area. The Arrowhead Regional Medical Center prepared for providing tattoo removal services next year.

- **Education, Training, Legal and Referral Services**

Proposed FY 00/01 One-year Action Plan: Provide literacy education services and employment training and placement services.

Actual FY 00-01 Accomplishments: Approximately \$173,900 of CDBG funds were spent providing thirty-five (35) education, training, legal, and referral service programs. Adult literacy programs were provided at fifteen (15) locations and assisted over 849 persons. Agencies providing legal aid services include Legal Aid Society of San Bernardino and West End Legal Aid Services. Legal Immigration Services to 211 persons were provided by Libreria Del Pueblo. Employment education and vocational services were provided by the Asian-American Resource Center in San Bernardino, the Boys & Girls Club of Redlands, Camp Fire San Andreas Counsel in Loma Linda, and by Pricilla's Helping Hands in San Bernardino. Cultural awareness education was provided by the county museum in Redlands.

Strategy 4: Accessibility Needs - Assist governmental entities in complying with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) through provisions for identifying and eliminating barriers which restrict the mobility and accessibility of elderly and handicapped persons.

During the next one (1) to five (5) years, the County hopes to accomplish the following activities to benefit residents of cooperating cities and unincorporated areas:

- **Removal of Architectural Barriers**

Proposed FY 00/01 One-year Action Plan: Replace playground equipment to comply

with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements; install ADA-compliant playground equipment; and, rehabilitate park restrooms to allow ADA-compliant accessibility.

Actual FY 00-01 Accomplishments: Nearly \$328,036 of CDBG funds were spent to complete accessibility improvements and remove architectural barriers at eight (8) facilities or locations. Handicapped accessible playground equipment and surfacing was installed at Dana Park, Lillian Park, and Sturnacle Park in Barstow, and Cesar Chavez Park in Colton. Additionally, ADA compliant improvements to restrooms at Foglesong Park in Barstow included wider doorways and installation of ADA compliant fixtures. In the City of Chino Hills, wheelchair ramps were under construction along Descanso Avenue from Pipeline to Sierra Vista Drive.

Strategy 5: Historic Preservation - Encourage and support the restoration and preservation of sites and structures that have historical significance when such restoration/preservation activities comply with the CDBG program national objectives.

- **Historic Preservation**

Proposed FY 00/01 One-year Action Plan: Relocate and/or rehabilitate historic buildings.

Actual FY 00-01 Accomplishments: CDBG funds totaling nearly \$117,400 were spent for reconstruction of tile roofs on four (4) buildings at the Asistencia Museum in Redlands and on seismic retrofit improvements to the main structure of the Yorba Slaughter Adobe Museum in Chino. Additionally, historic preservation improvements to the Colton Museum were under construction but delayed to secure SHPO approval. The design of seismic retrofit improvements to the Barton House structure in Redlands was completed and construction materials were purchased for use in reconstructing the Bloomington Garage. The scope of work was under development for the Warrens Well building preservation project in the Town of Yucca Valley and for replacement of windows at the A.K. Smiley Library in the City of Redlands.

Strategy 6: Economic Development - To promote the long-term economic viability of communities throughout the County Consortium area.

- **Business Expansion Loans**

Proposed FY 00/01 One-year Action Plan: continue to utilize approximately \$996,400 of CDBG funds for business expansion loans, leveraging a minimum of \$1,496,000 in private financing and equity investment. These loans would be directed toward the stabilization, expansion and/or creation of business and industry. As a result, at least 20 jobs for low-and moderate-income persons would be created or retained.

Actual FY 00/01 Accomplishments: \$867,000 of CDBG funds were provided to two businesses to create and/or retain 27 new permanent jobs, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. Both businesses are in the process of expanding their facilities

and did not create jobs this program year, however, existing businesses funded under this program created 14 new positions with 12 filled persons from L/M-income households.

- **Small Business Enhancement Loan Program**

Proposed FY 00/01 One-year Action Plan: Utilize approximately \$125,000 of prior year CDBG funds for business expansion loans to small businesses for creation or retention of jobs through the stabilization, expansion or creation of business and industry. The Small Business Enhancement Loan Program (SBEL) may provide \$5,000 to \$50,000 in financing to a small business, which is defined as having annual sales of less than \$1.0 million.

Actual FY 00/01 Accomplishments: \$230,000 of CDBG funds were provided to five businesses during fiscal year 00/01 with the result of creating 6 new, permanent jobs, six for low-and moderate-income persons. Prior year funded businesses created 13 new positions.

- **HUD Section 108 Loan Program**

Proposed FY 00/01 One-year Action Plan: utilize approximately \$475,000 in 1995-96 Economic Development Initiative (EDI) funds as a debt service reserve (\$205,000) and as capital (\$270,000) for a small business financing program. The County combined the EDI funds with \$1,360,000 in HUD Section 108 funds to implement the countywide business financing program. The program allows business owners to expand their operations and create new jobs, of which persons meeting low-and moderate-income requirements must fill 51% or more.

Actual FY 00/01 Accomplishments: No Section 108 loans were made. Existing projects created 11 new jobs, 9 for low- and moderate-income persons.

- **Technical Assistance**

Proposed FY 00/01 One-year Action Plan: Through the County Office of Small Business Development, Inland Empire Small Business Development Center, and Creative Business Services, Inc., San Bernardino County intended to provide technical assistance, as requested, to businesses. Those businesses receiving assistance included small businesses, micro-enterprises, and public agencies located in the County. Technical assistance would be provided for business expansion purposes.

Actual FY 00/01 Accomplishments: \$35,000 of CDBG funds were spent under contract with the Inland Empire Development Center to provide technical assistance to 567 businesses, which resulted in the creation of jobs at many of these businesses. Additionally, \$3,404 of CDBG funds were spent to provide technical assistance to 772 low-and moderate-income micro-enterprise owners and individuals seeking an opportunity to start up their own businesses.

Strategy 7: Code Enforcement - To improve the safety and viability of target neighborhoods

through provision of code enforcement activities coupled with programs which abate blight or blighting influences.

- **Code Enforcement**

Proposed FY 00-01 One-year Action Plan: Provide inspections for compliance with building codes in Adelanto, Barstow, Colton, Highland, Loma Linda, Montclair, Needles and Southwest Highland.

Actual FY 00-01 Accomplishments: \$176,668 of CDBG funds were spent to assist eight (8) code enforcement programs resulting in the inspection of nearly 6,758 properties in target area neighborhoods. Buildings were inspected for compliance with local building codes in Adelanto, Barstow, Colton, Highland, Town of Apple Valley, Loma Linda, Redlands and Montclair. Additionally, code enforcement inspections of housing structures were conducted within the Southwest Highland target area.

- **Demolition/Clearance**

Proposed FY 00-01 One-year Action Plan: Demolish and clear substandard buildings in Adelanto, Barstow and the Third Supervisorial District.

Actual FY 00-01 Accomplishments: Approximately \$193,800 of CDBG funds will be used to reimburse costs for demolishing and removing thirty-four (34) structures that presented health and safety concerns in the City of Needles, City of Barstow, and unincorporated Fifth District areas. \$188,275 of CDBG funds were spent to demolish fifteen (15) substandard structures in the City of Adelanto, the Town of Apple Valley, and in unincorporated areas of the First, Second and Third Supervisorial Districts.

- **Blight Abatement**

Proposed FY 00-01 One-year Action Plan: Provide blight abatement, including clearance of illegal dumping sites and graffiti removal, in the Fourth and Fifth Supervisorial Districts.

Actual FY 00-01 Accomplishments: \$31,500 of CDBG funds were spent to remove debris, trash and abandoned vehicles from 226 sites located in the unincorporated First, Third, Fourth and Fifth Supervisorial Districts. Additionally, graffiti was removed from 4,442 sites in Montclair, West Fontana and from unincorporated areas in the Third and Fifth Supervisorial Districts at a cost of \$68,000.

CONCLUSION

This concludes the Annual Performance Review for the 2000-2001 Action Plan. The Department of Economic and Community Development wishes to acknowledge the support of the County Board of Supervisors. ECD also wants to recognize the able assistance provided by the fourteen cooperating cities, numerous County departments and an even greater number of non profit agencies, in planning and carrying out the over 200 programs and projects covered in this report. The success of the three HUD programs discussed here allows Congress the latitude needed to continue the full funding of these grants to local governments.

APPENDIX A

County of San Bernardino
Department of Economic and Community Development
2000-2005 Consolidated Plan and 2000-2001 Action Plan
Annual Performance Review

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 18, 2001 at 10:00 a.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, First Floor, San Bernardino, CA. The purpose of the hearing is to review the County's accomplishments during the past fiscal year under the 2000-01 increment of the County's 2000-05 Consolidated Plan.

BACKGROUND

Each year since 1975, the County of San Bernardino has qualified to receive federal housing and community development grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The funds are to develop viable communities by providing decent housing, suitable living environments and expanded economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. In 1999, HUD renewed the County's qualifications to receive funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME) programs during fiscal years 2000, 2001 and 2002. The CDBG funds are for eligible projects in the unincorporated communities and fourteen (14) cooperating cities. These cities are Adelanto, Barstow, Big Bear Lake, Chino Hills, Colton, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda, Montclair, Needles, Redlands, Twentynine Palms, Yucaipa, and the Town of Yucca Valley. For the purpose of these grant funds, this area is referred to as the "County Consortium." In addition to these cities, the cities of Rancho Cucamonga, Rialto and Victorville have been approved by HUD to participate in the County's HOME Program Consortium.

In 1995, HUD combined the HOME, ESG and CDBG programs into a single grant application process. As part of the grant application, the County is required to submit a document that addresses the strategies and priority needs for using these three grant programs over a five-year period. This document is called the Consolidated Plan. The County adopted its new five-year Consolidated Plan on April 18, 2000. That Plan covers fiscal years 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05. To receive the 2000-01 CDBG, ESG, and HOME grant funds, the County prepared an Action Plan to address the housing, homeless, economic development and community development strategies of the "Consolidated Plan." The 2000-05 Consolidated Plan and 2000-01 Action Plan was submitted to HUD on June 6, 2000 for funding approval. During the past fiscal year, the County has carried out the Action Plan through a wide variety of grant funded construction, public service, housing and economic development and homeless assistance activities.

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

At the end of each September, the County submits detailed reports to HUD covering the past year's activities, accomplishments and expenditures. The County combines the annual HOME, ESG and CDBG reports into a single Consolidated Plan Annual Performance Report pursuant to HUD Consolidated Plan regulations. At the public hearing, staff from the Department of Economic and Community Development (ECD) will present the County's 2000-01 Annual Performance Review (APR) and receive citizen's comments. The APR will summarize the County's performance and accomplishments in carrying out programs and projects to meet the various goals and strategies outlined in the Consolidated Plan.

For a period of fifteen (15) days beginning on September 4, 2001 and ending on September 18, 2001, the public is invited to submit written comments on the Annual Performance Review. Comments received after 5:00 p.m. September 18, 2001 cannot be considered in the preparation of the Annual Performance Report to HUD. Send comments to County ECD at the address shown below. A draft copy of the APR will be available for public review during the public comment period, at the ECD address also.

Those individuals wishing to express their views on the Annual Performance Review may be present and be heard at the public hearing or may, prior to the time of the hearing, submit written comments to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, Second Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0130.

If you challenge any decision regarding the above proposal in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Due to time constraints and the number of persons wishing to give oral testimony, time restrictions may be placed on oral testimony at the public hearing regarding this proposal. You may make your comments in writing to assure that you are able to express yourself adequately.

San Bernardino County
Department of Economic and Community Development (ECD)
290 North D Street, Sixth Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0040
Attn: Program and Compliance Section
Or call (909) 388-0959

FRED AGUIAR, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

J. RENEE' BASTIAN, CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

APPENDIX B

CITIZEN COMMENTS

As of September 18, 2001, the County Economic and Community Development Department had not received any citizen comments on the draft 2000-2001 Annual Performance Review (APR). If citizen comments are received at the September 18, 2001 public hearing before the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, they will be incorporated herein.

